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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM KABUL MARCH 26:

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SUBJECT: U.S. NARCOTICS CONTROL INTERESTS AND THE
ASSISTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

1. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP) OFFICERS IN KABUL IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT UNDP IS CONSIDERING OR INVOLVED IN PROJECTS IN AFGHANISTAN IN WHICH USAID COULD NOT ASSIST BECAUSE OPIUM POPPIES ARE CULTIVATED IN AREAS TO BE AFFECTED. AID FOR EXAMPLE HAS JUST SAID NO TO FURTHER DISCUSSION OF A SMALL IRRIGATION PROJECT IN THE KUNAR RIVER VALLEY BECAUSE OF SCATTERED BUT COMMERCIALY SIGNIFICANT POPPY GROWTH; UNDP HOWEVER HAS BEEN ALREADY IN-

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VOLVED IN KUNAR, AND WILL LIKELY WORK MORE EXTENSIVELY IN THIS REGION AS NEW PROJECTS DEVELOP.

2. OUR CONCERN IS OF COURSE ABOUT GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS, NOT THOSE SPECIFICALLY TIED TO SOME NARCOTICS RELATED OBJECTIVE.

3. WE BELIEVE AFGHANS WILL FEEL THE PINCH OF OUR NARCOTICS OBJECTIVES HERE MORE ACUTELY FROM OUR HAVING DECLINED TO DISCUSS WORKING IN THE KUNAR REGION THAN FROM ANYTHING YET SAID TO THEM ABOUT THIS UNITED STATES CONCERN. OUR ARGUMENTS ABOUT THE NEED FOR NARCOTICS PRODUCTION/TRAFFICKING SUPPRESSION WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY MORE POERFUL SHOULD UNDP AND INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS ALSO HESITATE OR REFUSE TO ASSIST AREAS WHERE OPIUM POPPIES AND/OR CANNABIS IS GROWN.

4. WHAT AGREEMENTS EXIST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS TO WHICH WE CONTRIBUTE CONCERNING THIS? HOW DEEPLY INTO THIS ARGUMENT OUGHT WE TO GO IN CONVERSATIONS LOCALLY WITH UNDP AND WORLD BANK OFFICIALS? ELIOT UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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